

## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 3-10 and 13-20 are pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 3-10 and 13-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By this Amendment, claims 3-5 and 13-15 have been rewritten in independent form. The remaining pending claims depend upon one of these independent claims.

In view of the above, the Examiner's art grounds of rejection has been rendered moot, and Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. A favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

## **CONCLUSION**

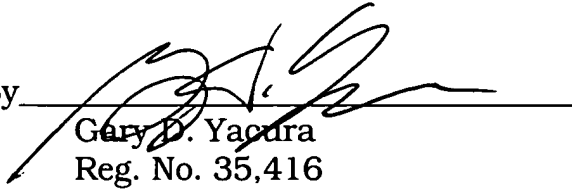
If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Very truly yours,

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